



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, 8TH ARMY

UNIT #15236

APO AP 96205-5236

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

EACG

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MEMORANDUM FOR All 8th Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians Employees

SUBJECT: 8th Army Command Policy Letter #3 – Remain Overnight (RON) Facilities for Aircrews and Passengers at 8th Army Installations

1. Reference. Aviation Training Review Team Final Report, 13 November 2002.
2. Purpose. To ensure that remain overnight (RON) facilities for Aircrews and Passengers are available at all 8th Army Installations.
3. Background. The 8th Army Aviation Training Review Team convened in September of 2002 to recommend improvements to aviation policy, training methods, and aviation resources. One of the recommendations was to provide adequate facilities at 8th Army installations for aircrews and their passengers to remain overnight when aircraft maintenance or weather conditions preclude continued flight operations.
4. Discussion.
 - a. To ensure the safety of 8th Army Soldiers, civilian employees, and their equipment, 8th Army will provide facilities and means of shelter for crews and passengers who are unable to reach their intended destination due to unsatisfactory, marginal, or deteriorating weather conditions.
 - b. Airfield commanders and tenant units will provide basic life support for flight crews and passengers who must remain overnight or for an extended period of time. Facilities will include a suitable place to sleep, such as barracks rooms or cots, and access to latrine facilities. Installations will be prepared to assist with aircraft security as well as transportation to off-post lodging facilities, if required. Army Airfield commanders will establish RON procedures within their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The SOP will include, at a minimum, a 24-hour point of contact (POC), contact numbers, and facilities available for RON aviators and passengers. The 8th Army Aviation Office will release, and periodically update, the RON POC information for all airfields.
 - c. Units with aircrews assigned will implement procedures for granting funding approval for aircrews and reimbursing them with temporary (TDY) funds, if TDY is required at the RON location.
 - d. Aircrews who terminate a mission and remain overnight at an 8th Army installation due to deteriorating weather conditions will notify their unit chain of command as soon as practicable. Units will report the situation to the 8th Army Operations Center at 723-6887/6876.

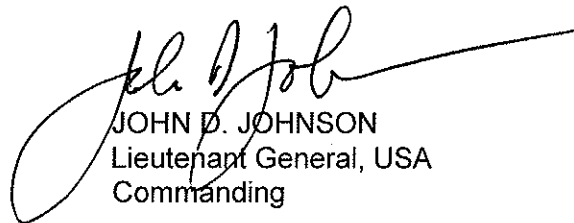
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e. The 8th Army Aviation Officer will assist with coordination for Republic of Korea (ROK) facilities on a 24-hour basis. Coordination through the 8th Army Operations Center is recommended after duty hours.

f. We owe it to our Soldiers to provide the necessary resources to support successful mission accomplishment and to provide them the means to mitigate any unnecessary risk-taking. Leaders at all levels within 8th Army will support our Soldiers when they make the right decision to postpone flight operations when inclement conditions do not allow for safe flight.

5. Proponent. The 8th Army G3 Aviation is the proponent for this policy. The POC can be contacted at commercial 010-5343-1752 or DSN 315-723-3510.



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